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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

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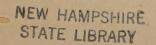
OF

-* HANCOCK, N. H. **-

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1887.

PETERBORO': TRANSCRIPT OFFICE, FARNUM & SCOTT, PROPRIETORS. 1887.





TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. F. Symonds, Town Treasurer, in account with the town of Hancock, 1886.

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То		reasurer's hands at close of last	
	settlemen		
Cas	h received	of county, for county paupers, 637 41	
66	66	" Dist. No. 2, school house repair	
		money, 4 13	
. 66	66	" town liquor agent, 57 21	
4.6	66	"I. A. Knight's, est., highway tax, 3 65	
66	66	"J. Newell, for highway repairs, 25 00	
66	66	"State savings bank tax, 1253 94	
66	46	" literary fund, 72 96	
44	66	" railroad tax, 62 57	
. 66	66	"insurance tax, 3 75	
66	66	"Peterboro' national and sav-	
		ings bank, Salina Hill's me-	
		morial fund interest, 8 55	
66	66	"Benj. Goodhue, collector for	
		1886, 4301 47	
66	46	"Benj. Goodhue, collector, int.	
		for 1886, 5 27	
66	46	"Harrisville school house tax	
		money, 31 38	
66	56	"A.B. Stone, unexpended school	
,		money, 1885, 3 82	
66	66	"Antrim, funeral expenses of	
		Mrs. Boutelle, 6 00	
			\$6969 29
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By	paying to	board of education, town district	
	school me	oney, \$772 00	
		High School.	
Date	l biob oub	ool committee. \$200 00	
ran	i nigh sch	ool committee, \$200 00	
		Notes and Interest.	
		itler, note No. 4, and interest,	\$1050 00
Inte	erest on \$6	5,000.00, J. D. Butler's notes,	300 00
Paid	d state tre	asurer, state tax, \$792 00	
		irer, county tax, 576 58	
		highway tax, 62 73	
	tement of		00
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SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS. Paid A. A. Haig, medical attendance to Angus McGinnis. \$10 00 Eugene Wason, med. attendance to John Jolly, 4 00 66 66 J. Plomedon, 14 00 P. Myette family, 11 75 66 66 66 Walter Comstock, 9 00 Lydia J. Weston, boarding and nursing Joseph 20 00 Plomedon, E. E. Balcom, wood for Peter Myette, 1 75 C. Fairfield, provisions for Peter Myette, 8 65 Selectmen, drawing wood for Peter Myette, 1 50 A. G. Foster, clothing for Peter Myette, 2 25 A. G. Foster, potatoes for Peter Myette, 1 75 C. M. Sheldon, meat for Peter Myette, 12 25 Mehitable Priest, for support of C. Howard, 78 00 G. H. Dodge, goods for Peter Myette, 43 47 Selectmen, for Peter Myette, 27 00 A. G. Foster, expenses for Joseph Plomedon, 5 50 B. Colby, wood for Peter Myette, 2 25 A. D. Tuttle, goods for Horace Hall, 70 7 50 A. D. Tuttle, goods for Peter Myette, Ebenezer Ware, provisions, wood and house rent for Peter Myette, 15 84 C. Turner, coffin for Augus McGinnis, 10 00 G. H. Dodge, goods for Joel D. Estabrooks, 9 44 50 00 C. Fairfield, boarding Horace Hall, C. W. Farmer, goods for Horace Hall, 4 17 C. Turner, sexton for McGinnis, 4 00 A. Jaquith, boarding Joel D. Estabrooks, 38 00 Emily Jaquith, making clothes for Joel D. Es-3 00 tabrooks. MISCELLANEOUS BILLS. Paid Farnum & Scott, printing reports. \$ 20 00 Milan Mathews, Hubbard legacy interest, 15 00 A. D. Colby, "" John Newell, boards and posts, 30 00 2 83 Library Com., Hubbard and Hadley legacy int., 120 00 Selectmen, expenses on town hall, B. Goodhue, remit due Dist. No. 9, D. Wilds, police service, 1 00 C. E. Jaquith & Co., shingling county bridge, 51 98 Peterboro' school house tax money,

G. N. Crockett, roll for stage,

J. Newell, lumber for town hall,

H. B. Marshall, police service,

H. B. Marshall, labor on common, W. F. Symonds, blank books,

A. B. Stone, drawing lumber for town hall,

B. Goodhue, non-resident highway tax, 1885,

A. Hill, blacksmithing,

J. H. Steele, books,

J. H. Felch, police service,

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M. W. Rice, repairing pound,	4	50
F. A. Wood, material and labor on town hall,		85 25
Eugene Wason, return of births and deaths,	0	75
A. E. Ware, stone posts for common, O. Eaton, for town history,	100	
C. Turner, labor on cemetery,		
J. H. Wood, care of town hall,		05
A. B. Stone, labor and material for town hall,	20	
A. G. Foster, edges for road machine,	15	
Lucetta T. Tenney, overtax,		50
A. G. Foster, material for town hall,	34	
A. G. Foster, blank books,	4	31
J. Woodward, hotel expenses for County Com.,	3	25
J. F. Eaton, keeping tramps,	3	00
J. F. Eaton, for fence back of library building,	3	00
Selectmen, surveying the common,	7	50
C. H. Lee, police service,	1	00
E. Tyrrel, Hubbard legacy interest,	10	00
J. Newell, watering tub,		00
M. Harrington, watering tub,		00
W. F. Symonds, watering tub.		00
A. Jaquith, watering tub,		00
C. L. Otis, watering tub,		00
C. W. Farmer, nails and stationery,		57
H. W. Ware, check list,		25
W. F. Symonds, stationery,	1	15
W. F. Symonds, recording marriages, births and	4 -	00
deaths, since 1859,	15	
X. W. Brooks, non-resident highway tax,		13
Wm. Titus, wood and oil for library,	10	00
C. H. Dutton, non-resident highway tax,	1	89
M. V. B. Greene, blank books,	1 5	44 00
Sylvia Alcock, Hubbard legacy interest,	15	
Selectmen, perambulating town lines,	10	00
Selectmen, surveying the common and establishing the bounds,	12	50
Selectmen, labor fencing common,		00
C. Turner, care of tramps,		68
C. Turner, guide boards,		00
W. C. Goodhue, interest on Salina Hill's memori-		0.0
al fund,	8	55
C. Turner, tolling bell,		90
C. Turner, care street lamp,	2	50
Lydia Osgood, " "		00
D. Wilds.	2	50
B. Goodhue, ""	4	00
B. Goodhue, " " G. W. Goodhue, " " Sarah Dodge, " "	4	0.0
	4	00
W. Titus, ""		00
Ann A. Hills, storing road machine,		00
O. Eaton, watering tub,		00
J. F. Eaton, gravel for highway,	.5	00
Dr. Anthoine, return of births and deaths,	1	50
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid E. Mulhall, bridge stringers,	\$ 5 12
Jereme Weston, labor on highway,	59 72
G. W. Goodhue, railings and stringers,	2 00
W. Sawyer, labor on highway,	1 50
J. H. Felch, "	55 42
J. W. Coolidge, bridge plank,	24 12
M. W. Rice, labor on highway,	8 55
J. S. Hayward, labor on highway,	7 10
C. F. Nevins & Co., lumber for bridge,	3 00
T. Welch, labor on highway,	1 75
	3 50
I. Farrington, snowing bridge,	
W. A. Washburn, railing,	2 50
M. E. Harrington, labor on highway,	3 00
Selectmen, A. F. Townsend's team,	13 50
A. B. Stone, bridge plank and boards,	24 00
M. F. Davis, labor on highway	6 30
M. E. Davis, labor on highway,	
W. P. Hall, "	3 52
J. Lindsay, "	15 40
W. Sawyer, tile pipe for highway,	8 00
G. H. Dodge, powder and fuse,	1 13
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A. B. Stone, paid G. P. Fletcher for bridge plank,	7 03
A. B. Stone, labor on highway,	7 15
A. B. Stone, bridge plank,	3 57
X. W. Brooks, labor on highway,	6 75
A. G. Foster, "	4 00
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F. G. Robinson, lumber and labor on highway,	9 00
A. Jaquith, labor on highway,	5 00
	0 00
C. H. Dutton, labor on highway,	1 50
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T. Welch, D. Wilds, M. Cashion, Z. W. Brooks, M. T. Whitaker, M. N. Spaulding, C. H. Fairfield, W. A. Washburn, W. H. Odell, W. C. Goodhue, H. W. Ware, W. A. Wilds, F. M. Whitney, T. Shea, J. F. Eaton, H. A. Manning,	1 61 1 67 3 86 7 65 6 30 13 28 6 60 4 03 7 12 8 92 7 20 6 10 3 30 3 00 3 00	\$258 59
Damage to Sheep by Dog	S.	
Paid Edward Mulhall, March 1, 1886, Z. W. Brooks, Albert Ware, C. L. Otis, G. Towne, G	\$16 56 28 40 6 31 9 47 10 26 3 00	\$74 00
· Town Officers' Bills.		
Paid H. Gulick, school board, J. S. Lakin, C. Turner, police service, W. F. Symonds, town treasurer, W. F. Symonds, town clerk, Wm. Titus, librarian, B. Goodhue, collector, E. R. Danforth, supervisors, A. G. Foster, selectman, A. B. Stone, G. W. Goodhue, Selectmen, overseers of the poor, J. Newell, care of town clock, Auditors,	\$40 00 20 00 8 00 25 00 26 60 52 00 60 00 24 00 87 50 67 50 60 00 19 00 20 00 3 00	\$ 512 60
RECAPITULATION.		
Money received by treasurer, Money paid out by Treasurer: Paid school board, High school, Support of county paupers, Notes and interest, State tax, County tax, Non-resident highway tax,	\$ 772 00 200 00 395 77 1350 00 792 00 576 58 62 73	\$6969 29

Abatement of taxes,	4 23
Miscellaneous bills,	836 24
Highways and bridges,	293_13
Breaking roads,	258 59
Damage to sheep by dogs,	74_00
Town officers' bills,	512 60
	\$6127

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W. F. SYMONDS, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and duly vouched, and find a balance in the Treasurer's hands of eight hundred and forty-one dollars and forty-two cents (\$841.42).

CHARLES G. MATHEWS, LEWIS W. ALCOCK, ADDISON C. WARE,

February 25, 1887.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

We herewith present the report of the condition of the Town Library, for the year ending March 1st, 1887.

Number of volumes in Library March 1, 1886,

added by donation,

purchased,

purchased,

of periodicals bound.

" of periodicals bound,
" in Library, March 1, 1887,

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Received from the town one year's interest on Hubbard and Hadley legacies, \$120 00

Money received for fines, 3 26

\$123 26 \$100 24

1,936

Money expended,

The books are in a very satisfactory condition.

JOHN H. FELCH, MARY M. KNIGHT, GEORGE H. DODGE, Committee

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Number of county paupers supported during the year, three. Cost of supporting said paupers, \$144-31 Number of county paupers assisted, ten.

Number of county paupers assisted, ten. Cost of supporting said paupers,

\$203 46

ADOLPHUS G. FOSTER, Selectmen ANDREW B. STONE, Of GEORGE W. GOODHUE, Hancock.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Valuation of the town by invoice, taken April 1, 1886.

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ADOLPHUS G. FOSTER, Selectmen ANDREW B. STONE, GEORGE W. GOODHUE, Hancock.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The present state of uncertainty as to the construction and even the continuance of the new law relating to schools, and the belief that a large majority of our fellow townsmen favor a close adherence to the old method, have led us to continue the schools at the old points and in the old school houses. The only change made in this respect was the union of No. 4 with No. 9, for the school year. Some of the school buildings greatly need repair, but the board desired further advisement by the town before doing anything in the matter beyond such slight repairs as were absolutely necessary to fit them for present use.

In the matter of text books, those of the preceding year were all retained, and "Scudder's History of the United States" added to the list. The new system lavs upon the board, with other cares and responsibilities, that of procuring good teachers. This is a difficult and delicate duty. We were very solicitous to satisfy all reasonable expectation, and labored hard to procure the best teachers our opportunities and the means at our disposal would permit. It is for others to judge of the result. We were not always successful in getting the teachers we sought, but in reviewing the year we feel that it is due our teachers as a whole to say that in the judgment of the board they did good work, and we take great pleasure in commending them for their fidelity and skill. The great interest in school work centers in the scholars, and it is very gratifying to be able to report excellent work on their part. The scholars were for the most part orderly and studious, and made what seemed to the board a very decided and satisfactory advance in their studies through the year. As good order and respect for the teacher's authority are essential to a good school, we trust that parents and guardians will heartily support the teachers in this direction. are sorry to be obliged to notice some defect in this matter the last vear. We beg leave to call the attention of parents, especially in the outer districts, to one thing further. We believe they desire to have the schools kept up in the old places. That this may be done, it is very important that all children of suitable age in these districts be sent to school if possible, and for the whole time. It is discouraging, and seems to the board a waste of resources, to support a school for the full term with only one or two scholars.

In conclusion, we gladly notice the interest manifested by parents and friends in the welfare of the schools during the year, and desire to express our hearty appreciation of the kindness we have everywhere received in the discharge of our official duties.

SPECIAL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Mary L. Knight, teacher of both spring and fall terms. This large and interesting school demands skill and energy for its successful management. These qualities were conspicuous in Miss Knight, and under her leadership the school did good and satisfactory work through the year.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

This school, after a suspension of four years, revived the past year with a force of three scholars. In the distribution of time we assigned it two terms of five weeks each. The first, taught by Mr. Albert G. Stearns; the second by Miss Nettie I. A. Stearns. It was for both a first experience in teaching, but both were greatly liked by scholars and parents, and gave entire satisfaction to the board. We were much pleased with the conduct of the school, and surprised at the progress made by the little scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

This is a capable school, and comes second in point of numbers. Miss Lizzie A. Tyrrel taught the spring term. She was not quite acceptable to all concerned, but we have a high opinion of her competency and fidelity as a teacher, and entirely approve her purpose to maintain order and respect for authority in the school. No school can prosper without these. Notwithstanding the disadvantage under which Miss Tyrrel labored from lack of full sympathy, the school made a good showing of work under her teaching.

Mr. Frank K. Wilkins taught the fall term. It was a first experience, and as such did him credit. He was deservedly popular with pupils and parents. The work done was good; better order and closer application in the school would have made it better.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

This is one of our best and most advanced schools. Miss Nellie J. Dodge taught the spring term. It was her first experience, and showed her to possess a very fine capacity for teaching. Further study and more experience will make her, we think, a very superior teacher. In most of their studies the scholars made excellent progress under her guidance.

Miss Lizzie A. Tyrrel taught the fall term. The work done in the school under her instruction was excellent. Both these teachers insisted on good order, and the closing examinations showed that thorough and satisfactory work had been done through the year.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

This pleasant school, by shortening its term, secured the teacher of its choice—Miss Lettie W. Goodhue—for the school year. We do not think it could have done better. The order in the school and the progress in studies gave entire satisfaction.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

This is the best school building, and one of the pleasantest schools in town. Mr. Maro S. Brooks taught the spring term, and Miss Lizzie I. Crockett the fall term. Both were young beginners in teaching. Both failed to give full satisfaction in the manner of conducting the school, while both were greatly liked by most of those concerned. To the board, the school, during both terms, appeared to be well ordered and prosperous. The showing at the close of Mr. Brooks' term was particularly bright and good. We were pleased with what we saw of methods and discipline on the part of both these teachers, and thought the scholars did very good work and made very commendable progress under both.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

This school has of late greatly declined in numbers, and from one of the largest has become one of the smallest of our schools. Its average attendance the last term was the lowest in town. Its few scholars were conducted through the school year by one of our best and most experienced teachers—Miss Ella C. Ware—who did all she could for them, and with very good success on the part of those who were regularly present. But we feel that more should have attended, and that the attendance of the few should have been more constant.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

This school was reinforced this year by the scholars from No. 4. These schools combined very happily, and went forward with entire harmony and satisfaction, under the leadership of Miss Sarah F. Weston, for the school year. This school, always interesting, was rendered more so by this enlargement. The order was of the best, and the work done, as evinced by the examinations, such as to reflect great credit on both teacher and scholars.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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For full details of expenditure, see financial report by the chairman of the board.

ROLL OF HONOR.

PERFECT RECORD FOR THE YEAR.

Etta A. Crockett, Mary E. Otis, Helen F. Otis, Clinton H. Bugbee, Edward P. Bugbee, Royal L. Otis, Fred W. Odell, Morris H. Wood, W. Frank Wood, Bell Hunt, Tessie H. Quinn, Rose M. Quinn, Emma S. Davis, Alice M. Davis, Leah M. Stone.

PERFECT RECORD FOR SPRING TERM.

Annie A. Mathews, Ida M. Mathews, Annie L. Smith, Nellie Smith, George F. Davis, Charles A. Hayward, Morris J. Hayward, Willie W. Hayward, Annie A. Hayward, Carrie B. Elliott, Bessie M. Straw, Nellie J. Straw, Sammie L. Straw, Nellie L. Wheeler, Geo. B. Lakin.

PERFECT RECORD FOR FALL TERM.

Ada S. Stearns, Annie B. Woodward, Willie P. Weston, Grace Mulhall, Louisa Mulhall, Robert Mulhall, Harry Mulhall, Willie Welsh, Christopher R. Knowlton, Mabel M. Sheldon, Maggie E. Shea, Charlie O. Austin, Alice M. Austin.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA S. LAKIN, HERVEY GULICK, WILLIAM WESTON,

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Received of town treasurer, From Greenfield,	\$772 00 19 20		
	V	\$791	20
Paid out as follows:			
Paid the several school teachers,	\$703 00		
Harrisville,	25 00		
Charles Fairfield,	20 00		
Wood and other expenses,	24 41		
	-	\$772	41
Money on hand,		\$18	79

Hancock, Feb. 24, 1887.

This may certify that we have examined the above accounts, and and them correctly cast and fully vouched,

CHARLES C. A. WHI J. C. WILL		Auditors.
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HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

WINTER TERM, 1886-1887.

Fellow Citizens: Concerning our high school, your committee beg leave to present the following brief statement:

Paid Mr. Edwin B. Frost for services as				
principal, 11 weeks, including board,	\$127	50		
Paid Miss Lettie N. Goodhue for services				
as assistant teacher, including board,	44	00		
Paid for wood and fitting for stove—three				
cords, at \$5.00 per cord,	15	00		
Paid for rent of school room,	11	00		
Paid for services of janitor,	5	00		
Paid for printing bills,	1	00		
			\$ 203	50
Received of town treasurer,	200	00		
Received as tuition,	3	50		
,			\$203	50

As compared with former years, we have the pleasure of reporting both a larger number of pupils—47—and a much higher average attendance—within a fraction of 45. This argues well for the popular appreciation of our high school, and it is a high compliment to the merits of the teachers.

In discipline, general deportment and progress in study, this last term has met our highest expectations, being in all respects as good, and in some particulars better, than in former years.

Mr. Frost is a young gentleman of rare scholarship, and, judging him by the quality of his work, we think he possesses all the elements of a successful teacher.

Miss Goodhue has long been known as a good teacher, and in her new relations as assistant, she fully sustained her former reputation. As it is impossible to have a good school without the faithful cooperation of the pupils, we will add that the children deserve well of their teachers and parents, and we take much pleasure in thanking them publicly for their general good conduct and studious habits.

It is too late in the day to present an argument to the people of Hancock in favor of popular education. You fully realize the fact that the education of our children is as much a matter necessity as food, and clothing, and shelter. But as bread and butter may sometimes be too dear, so may education cost too much money, and consequently be beyond our reach; therefore we invite your careful attention to the great economy of educating our children at home, rather than abroad. Our last term of high school cost the town only \$200, while the same number of pupils sent to some neighboring academy would have cost not less than \$2,250. This will make a great difference in our pockets, yet the actual advantage gained would be about the same at home as abroad.

If the above views, in your judgment, are correct, we hope you will continue to deal generously with the high school, and place a good education within the reach of all. By so doing the old town of Hancock may see the day she will greatly rejoice in the glory and fame of her sons and daughters.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. FELCH, C. A. WHITAKER, MRS. JENNETTE S. WOODMAN, Committee.

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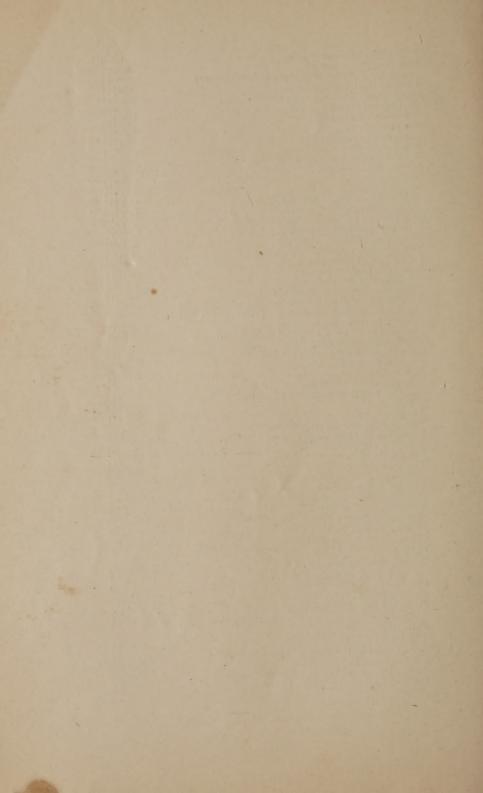
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